

A Northern Love-Light.

BY CLARENCE PULLEN.

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SYNOPSIS

The ship "Amaranth" is taking on a cargo of cryolite at Ivigtut, on the Greenland coast. One afternoon Lada Warphur, the captain's daughter, and Harry Upshur, a young scientist who has made the voyage with them, start out in the ship's dory for a sail. Upshur is in love with Lada, but she has refused him. The young couple are well out in the open sea when they see a large ice pack drifting between them and the shore. Then a fog suddenly settles down around them. They try to keep away from the ice, but drift upon it. They land upon it, feeling that they will be searched for as soon as the fog lifts. The boat is washed upon the ice on a wave caused by the part of a passing iceberg falling into the sea. In the locker of the boat Upshur finds a sailor's outfit and some provisions. The sun goes down and the long twilight deepens into night. Lada sleeps in the dory for an hour or so. When she awakes Upshur is not to be seen, and for a moment she is thoroughly frightened. She realizes in that moment that she really loves him. She asks him to amuse her with a story, but he induces her to recount an adventure of her childhood.

PART V.

She was silent for a time. Her face took on an unwonted expression of seriousness. She was reflecting. "It is hard to begin," she said, softly, "for it is the first of my remembrances my nurse's telling me that my mother was dead. She lies in the English cemetery at Hong Kong. I was too young to realize fully what it meant, but I can remember that I cried and missed her. My father's ship was chartered for a voyage round the world, and I could not well be taken along, so I was left with friends of his at Hong Kong, to be taken to America in care of a family that would sail in six months.

"Then comes a dream of life in China, and then the shipwreck. That day I well recall.

"We were sailing in a light breeze in beautiful weather, and I remember listening to the singing of the sailors in the dog watch. Then asleep in my berth, I was awakened by the shock of the vessel striking upon a coral reef. I crept out of my stateroom and up to the deck. All was excitement of setting sails hard aback, getting out boats with the ledge anchor, and staving the pumps. I was sent below as soon as I was discovered, and the next thing I fully remember was being in a boat crowded with sailors and passengers, and the men were rowing for land which was supposed to be off some where beyond our view. I was thirsty, and a sailor handed me a very little water in a tin cup, not nearly so much as I wanted, and I was told that I was lucky to get that. There was another boat in company with us at first, but we drew away from it, and at last left it out of sight behind us and saw it no more. There were days of rowing and tossing, and then we were following a lagoon winding back among mangrove trees that rose out of shoal water on either hand. There were strange looking craft about us, which I afterwards learned to know as Malay proas. Some were following us and others appeared in our path, or glided out from nooks and turnings as our men pulled along. There was an arm chest aboard our boat, and every man now rowing held a gun or cutlass in readiness. With these they kept the proas from coming too near.

"At the head of the lagoon we came to a Malay town of bamboo houses, some of them built on land and some of them standing on posts above the water. On the shore was a landing crowded with natives with creeses and matchlocks in their hands. Standing among them, with a little space left about him, was a commanding looking man dressed better than the rest and wearing armlets and rings of gold instead of the silver trinkets which the others wore. He spoke very fiercely and haughtily and forbade our landing, while the proas pressed nearer to the boat and the natives that crowded them scowled at us and brandished their weapons. Then a white man wearing a black hat with a white turban twisted about the crown, came down from the landward side, forced his way through the crowd and talked with the Malay chief like one having superior authority. There were high words between them, while the Malays waited in readiness with their eyes turning from us to their chief awaiting his commands. The chief at last, very unwillingly, seemed to yield to the white man. The natives, at his word, fell back, so as to give us passage, and we were received ashore as guests of the Malay chief who was Rajah of Sudrana.

"It was the British agent who had intervened just in time to save us. Had he chanced to be absent when we came to land, my story would be a different one—or, rather, it would never be told. I learned all the particulars afterwards. The Malays of this tribe were in the habit of cutting the throats of all strangers that fell in their way and they thought they were in great luck when our boat came ashore. The rajah would have been entirely willing to let them have their will with us, but was afraid of the guns of the British man-of-war, which the agent threatened would be sent to blow his town to splinters if so much as a hair of our heads was harmed.

"He yielded gracefully enough when he had to, and received and entertained the boat's party until they could be sent to Singapore in proas. I was left behind. In the fear and excitement none cared to bother themselves with the care of me, and so I was left at Sudrana, under the protection of the

agent, until my friends should send for me. He had no family—not of a sort at least that would be suitable to introduce me into—and so I was taken into the rajah's household.

"It was a strange life I led there compared with that in a northern home. The rajah's wives were all kind to me, and the rajah himself, despite his fierceness and cruelty out-of-doors—and I saw some terrible instances of this—was a pleasant kindly man with his household, fond of his family and loved of his children. I was put in charge of a slave woman, and, with her as guardian, was allowed as a guest to wander about as I pleased. I have but to close my eyes to see again the tropical scene—the groves of cocoa palms, the yellow jungle below, and the long lagoon stretching down toward the sea. There are the canoes and proas drawn up to the shore or moored to posts beneath the houses, and down the lagoon, upon the opposite side, the crocodiles asleep on the mud bank or swimming about.

I breathe the hot, moist air and smell the odors from shrubs and gorgeous flowers. Yellow skinned men and women come and go, dressed in bright-colored sarongs and wearing silver rings and armlets, the women laughing and chattering as they bear water jars and trays of fruit on their heads. The men carrying bright, crooked creeses stuck in their girdles.

"You can imagine how strong an impression such scenes of daily life made upon me at that time in my existence. Wherever it may be my fate to die it seems that my spirit will hover once amid these scenes about the Sudrana town, before it takes its longer flight.

"I know the wild life of the tropics as few even of the Malay children could ever have known it, for I had Aynou as my special guardian. Half slave, half equal and companion to the wives in the rajah's household, she was the one that was entrusted with the care of me. She was a supple, shapely woman still young with deep brown skin and fierce untamed blue eyes. Aynou was not of the race of the rajah's people, but had been captured, when a child, from some tribe in the high lands back from the coast. She was looked on with mysterious fear by the other women, and had unusual privileges accorded her. Instead of being kept in the seclusion of the women's quarters at the palace she was suffered to go about where she pleased. She detested all indoor life, and could not be made to stay long within house walls. She seemed to have no fear of any living thing on land, and often took me into the jungle where none of the other women dared go, and where the men ventured only in parties well armed with matchlocks and creeses. Tigers and serpents she told me were her friends and had no will or power to hurt her.

"In the jungle I have heard the rustling sound, and seen the reeds and long grass bend aside as some large animal crept through them, and she told me that a tiger had come to look at us and had gone away when he saw who it was. I have seen her make a few passes above the head of a cobra that had reared from his coil at our coming, and the venomous snake lowered his head



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and suffered her to stroke it, and to pick him up and coil his body around her neck or arm. She even told me that she could at pleasure change herself into a tigress or a serpent and destroy her enemies under that guise. Her power was over birds and land creatures only, she said. Of water snakes, and of crocodiles especially, she was afraid, and avoided all places where they might be met.

"As the months passed I grew into a little wild girl, tanned as brown almost as the Malays, and I was dressed like them. With my companion, the witch woman, I explored all sorts of secret and dangerous places, I in ignorance and innocence and she with her strange craft, going through all, enjoying and unscathed. She had names for all plants and animals different from those used by the Malays, and she taught them to me. We talked to each other in a tongue that none of the others knew, and employed their language only at the rajah's town. Of the English speech I remembered only a few words taught me by my nurse.

"All went well with me until Aka Mar-duk, the rajah of Pajaram, paid his brother potentate a visit, and, taking a fancy to me, offered to buy me of my

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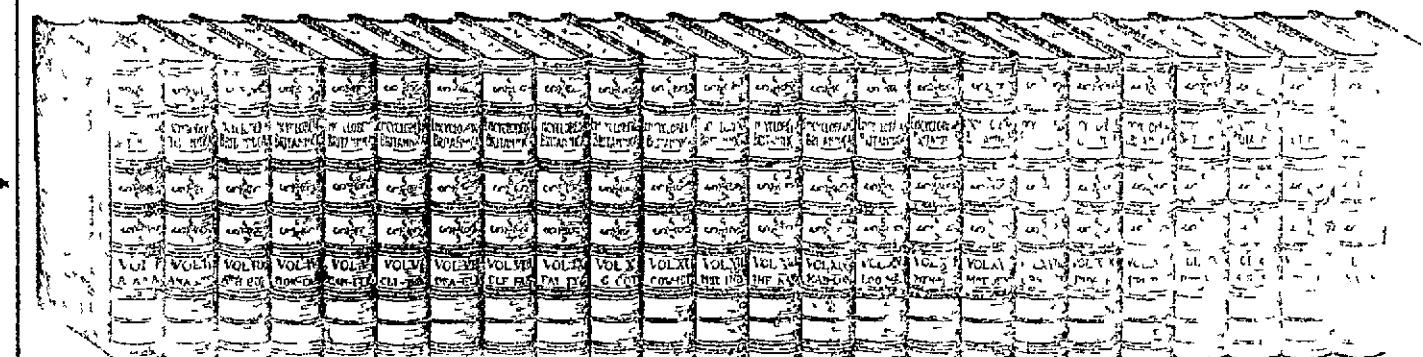
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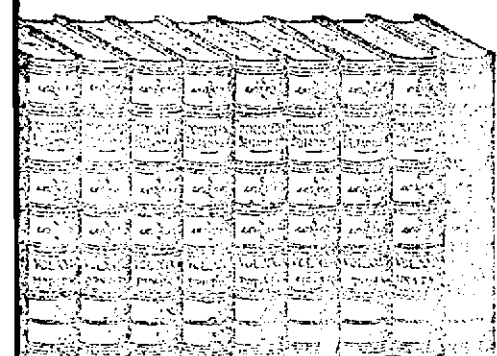
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LOCAL NEWS.

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The Good Templars at Forsyth will give a masquerade social next Wednesday night.

You should see the handsome Reed & Son's planes at the O. B. Prescott music house. They are the best to be had.

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Thursday Constable John Lloyd sold 80 acres of corn in the field near the Garver church. W. J. Magee had a rent claim against the corn for \$9.00 and the entire field sold only for \$80. It was bought by Emanuel Sterz.

The street car men's second annual ball Monday night at Guards' armory will be a swell affair. The electric decorations for the hall will be quite novel and elaborate. Gus will do his best. Tickets are selling rapidly. Get one.

Miss Jennie Bishop will open a creche, or public nursery, next Monday at her home, 840 West Eldorado street. Children will be cared for by the hour, day or week, and their amusement and instruction will also be considered.

The subject of the devotional meeting of the W. C. T. U. yesterday was the "Transfiguration of Christ." Mrs. C. E. Akers led the meeting. It was decided to have an Easter service and to celebrate Washington's birthday. It was decided to continue holding evangelistic meetings the second and fourth Sunday of each month at the W. C. T. U. rooms.

On Thursday J. M. Dawson sold at public auction at his farm, five miles southeast of the city all of his stock and farming implements. The sale was the largest that has been held in Wheatland township for several years. The farming implements brought almost unheard of prices and the stock sold fairly well. The horses brought from \$85 to \$95 and the cattle from \$30 to \$40. Colonel Knight of Harrisburg, was the auctioneer.

Found Her Purse.

Some time ago mention was made of the fact that Dr. A. P. Wilhelm had received a letter from the Fair, the big store at Chicago, stating that a purse containing a prescription written by him was found in the store. The prescription was enclosed in the letter and he was asked to give the name, if possible, of the person for whom he wrote it. The doctor could not remember at the time who he had written the prescription for, but later on when he was called to attend Mrs. Millpaugh she told of the loss of her purse in Chicago and of the fact that it contained one of the doctor's prescriptions. Through this coincidence the purse was recovered. It contained \$6 in money and some papers which were of considerable value to the owner.

PERSONAL TAX NOTICE.

All persons having Personal Tax against them on the tax books for 1897, have been mailed a card stating the amount for the same. You are requested to call at my office and pay the same and save additional costs.

Bring your postal cards with you. Leave your receipts for last year in order to expediate the finding of property.

Office open evenings until 9 o'clock.
LANDY H. MARTIN,
Collector.

Officers Elected.
The Briar Missionary society met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. H. B. Lewis, 1065 North College street, and elected the following officers:

President—Mrs. H. B. Lewis.
Vice President—Mrs. J. W. Gilbert.
Secretary—Mrs. George Flack.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. R. Guard.
Secretary of Literature—Mrs. J. H. Wilkin.

The subject of the meeting was "The American Indians." Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Flack gave interesting talks.

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FRIBOURG'S PLACE

Appointment Made Thursday by Gov. Tanner.

MEMBER STATE LABOR BOARD

Salary Not Large but Duties are Important at Times—Epworth League Social and Other Events.

L. W. Fribourg, the cigarmaker of this city, has been appointed by Governor Tanner as a member of the board of commissioners of labor. The appointment has been confirmed by the state senate. There is no salary attached to the position, but when in actual service the members of the board receive full pay. The board of commissioners of labor is a body which settles and arbitrates all labor troubles in the state. Mr. Fribourg is now in Arkansas on a visit and has not yet received notification of his appointment. The other members of the board are P. H. Donnelly of Springfield, Randolph Smith of Flora, D. W. Kelliger of Pann and S. M. Dalsell of Spring Valley.

OLD FOLKS WON.

Spelled Down Young People at Grace M. E. Church.

There was a large attendance last night at the Old Folks' entertainment given at Grace M. E. church by the members of the Senior Epworth League. The exercises were held in the Sunday school room. The first part of the evening was taken up with a short program, which was as follows:

Song—The Century, quartet, Misses Maude Deel, Nellie Haven, Hattie and Bertha Kline.

Recitation—Miss White.

Song—League quartet, Misses Shasteen and Beadles and James and Arthur Spence.

Duet—Dr. W. F. Gillmore and wife. The young ladies in the first number were dressed up to represent ladies of the olden time. They sang two old fashioned songs and were warmly applauded. The hit of the program was the singing of an old time song by Dr. Gillmore and wife. They were called on for an encore.

After the program an old fashioned spelling match took place between the young members and the older people. The young people all lined up on one side of the room and the older ones on the other. At the start it looked as if the old folks could not hold up very long. There was quite a surprise as the young people went down one by one until there was only one left on each side. They were Herman Vandie for the young and Mrs. D. C. Corley for the old people. Herman missed and the contest was awarded to the old folks. The spelling match created lots of amusement for the big crowd present.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HANES

Held This Afternoon at the Residence and was Largely Attended.

The funeral of Mrs. Jacob Hanes was held this afternoon at 1 o'clock from her late residence, No. 744 West Main street and was largely attended. There were a large number of floral offerings. The services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Miller, pastor of the First Congregational church, who preached the funeral sermon. The music was rendered by a choir composed of Miss Hattie Childs, Mrs. Adolph Mueller, Bert Gher and C. W. Montgomery. The selections given were "Asleep in Jesus," "Rock of Ages" and a chant, "Come Unto Me."

The burial was at the Bolling Springs cemetery northwest of the city. There was a brief service at the grave. The pall bearers were J. S. Childs, C. Lewis, L. S. Schroll, D. Gulick, Charles Buehl and James Millikin.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Official Report.

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 10, 1898.
Present: Mrs. Minnie P. Hoeltzer, Messrs. James F. Roach, and the clerk, E. A. Gastman. Absent: David S. Sheldahlager.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report of the receipts and expenditures for the month of January was compared and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid and the clerk was directed to draw orders on the treasurer:

Henderson Ross, \$3.50.
C. L. Griewald & Co., \$1.50.
Decatur Heat, Light and Power Co., \$6.39.
Morehouse & Wells Co., \$11.31.
Decatur Coal Co., \$103.60.
City of Decatur, \$81.50.
Central Union Telephone Co., \$49.50.

The following was read:
Decatur, Ill., January 17, 1898.
To the Board of Education:

Gentlemen:—I resign my position as a teacher in the Decatur public schools.

Yours respectfully,
Elvira E. Mark.

On motion the resignation was accepted and Miss May E. Barth was elected to fill the vacancy.

The following was read:
University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, Jan. 28, 1898.

To the Superintendent of Schools at Decatur, Ill.

Dear Sir:—I beg to inform you that the term for which students from your High school are received into the university on diploma has expired. Should your school board desire to continue the "diploma relation" with us, it will be necessary for them to invite a visit from us. Early action is desirable.

Yours truly,
H. B. Hutchins, Acting Pres.

The superintendent was directed to invite the university to send a committee to examine the school.

The superintendent reported the serious illness of Miss Mollie E. Williams, principal of the Oakland school. Miss Jennie E. Durfee was temporarily transferred to fill the vacancy, and Mrs. Hunter was placed in charge of Miss Durfee's room in the Jackson street school.

On motion, adjourned.
James F. Roach, Pres. pro tem.
E. A. Gastman, Clerk.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Active Members of the Y. M. C. A. on Duty.

At the meeting of the official board of the Young Men's Christian Association held last night, monthly reports of the secretary and treasurer were read, and other business received attention. The standing committees to look after the work for the ensuing year were named as follows, in each instance the first named being the chairman of the committee:

Executive—J. P. Eckles, R. S. Bohon, G. T. Tucker.

Finance—J. S. Starr, A. H. Mills, W. C. Outten, R. S. Bohon, H. A. Wood, J. G. Imboden, M. V. Longman.

Membership—R. J. Simpson, J. F. Baldwin, J. L. Deek and E. R. Culver.

Religious Work—C. C. Barnard, Samuel McCane, Smith Munson.

Educational—J. A. Dawson, Milton Johnson, Jr., D. A. Strader, Edward Wilson.

Reception—Smith Munson, Samuel McCane, E. L. Bright, W. W. Dawson.

Social and Music—J. L. Deek, C. J. Pennington, Fred Mann, C. C. Barnard.

Athletic—J. F. Baldwin, C. J. Pennington, C. C. Barnard, Ralph Mills.

Auditing—G. T. Tucker, R. J. Simpson, J. L. Deek.

Vauxholes—G. T. Tucker, R. J. Simpson, J. P. Eckles.

AT THE GRAND.

MISS FRANCIS OF YALE.

The attraction at the Powers' Grand Monday evening, February 14 will be the New York and Chicago laughing success, entitled "Miss Francis of Yale," written by Michael Mort, a playright of good repute. When Manager Charles Frohman first produced "Charley's Aunt" at the Standard Theatre, New York, he selected the famous English comedian, Etienne Girardot to create the title role. Girardot made an enormous hit and he performed the leading role in New York city for one solid year. Mr. Girardot last season selected a new role in "Miss Francis of Yale," in which he has duplicated his "Charley's Aunt" success. The farce is of the same order of "Mr. Wilkinson's Widow," "Jane, etc., and comes here with an unprecedented record from the east, where it was a laughing triumph last season. Much interest is being manifested here by thousands of laughter-loving theatregoers to see Etienne Girardot, the actor who created a role that.

Lincoln's Birthday.

The Sons of Veterans and the Ladies' Aid society are making preparations to celebrate in a fitting manner the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, the anniversary of which will occur next Saturday. The exercises will be held at the G. A. R. hall Saturday evening. The following is the formal program of the observance:

Song—America.
Prayer—Rev. J. A. F. King.
Address—Dr. W. F. Calhoun.
Song—Battle Hymn of the Republic.
Recitation—Miss Kennedy.
Song—The Vacant Chair.
Reading—Mrs. Badenhausen.
Medley—Richard Harkness.
Address—Dr. W. F. Calhoun.
Song—Tenting Tonight.
Recitation—Mrs. Shea.
Song—Honor the Brave.
Reading—Mrs. May Smith.
After the program has been rendered those present will be asked to remain and enjoy themselves in a social way.

Real Estate Deal.

Mowasqua Republican: J. F. Smith sold his farm of 120 acres, to Allen Baker, at \$70 per acre, and bought a farm near Macon of Mr. Baker, containing 90 acres, at \$90 per acre. They will exchange places on March 1st. This will give Mr. Smith the benefit of being nearer to railroad facilities. He will still continue to do real estate business both here and at Macon, but it will be on a larger scale than heretofore.

Art Pottery.

Royal Worcester, Topits, Royal Bonn, Dolton, Wedgwood and Rudolstadt go at one-half price in our great reduction sale.

E. D. Barthelme & Co.

DECATUR CAPITAL

Will Probably be Invested in New Match Factory

IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS

The Factory Will be Opened—Machinery is Yet to be Made—Those Interested Will Visit Decatur Soon.

The branch factory of the American Consolidated Match company which is to be established in this city, will probably be started in about three months. It will take that length of time to prepare the machinery and have it set up. F. M. Young, who is to be the local manager, received a letter yesterday from New York notifying him of the election of the officers of the company. Mr. Eaton of New York was elected president and E. H. Brooks of New York was chosen as general manager. The company will have a number of factories in different parts of the country and the one which is to be located in Decatur will be one of the largest. The territory which will be allotted to the Decatur factory will probably reach from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Young in speaking of the matter said that it would take some time to get the factory in running order. The machinery is yet to be made and this will probably take two months and another month will be required to put the machinery in place. The factory is to be established in the building built by the Young Bros. and Maris wholesale grocery company.

F. M. Young is the only Decatur man now interested in the company, but there are a number of other Decatur men and several from Chicago who are investigating the matter with the view of buying stock and it is probable that Decatur will be well represented among the stockholders. Some of the business men from Pittsburgh, Pa., who are interested in the company are expected here in a few weeks to perfect the arrangements of establishing the company.

GAY SOCIAL EVENTS.

It Was "On With the Dance" All Around Town Last Night.

There were surely enough dances in Decatur last night to go around. It was a hop night, sure thing, and every fellow who could scrape or pick a tuncful string, or blow a horn, had a job.

One of the events was the ball masque given at the K. P. hall in Powers' block, with the salarman at Bradley Bros.' store as the hosts and managers. It was a party given by the gentlemen, complimentary to the ladies, connected with the store, and it was all right from start to finish. Many grotesque and fancy costumes were worn. The removal of the masks occasioned no end of fun. Linn Radloff was the prompter and the College Hill mandolin club furnished the music. Part of the company found diversion at the card tables and at the proper time the gents served refreshments.

The members of the Sons of Veterans gave a poverty hop last night at the G. A. R. hall. The Maxwell orchestra furnished music and the members of the Ladies' Aid society served refreshments. The dancers were attired in ragged clothing. A prize of a head of cabbage was won by Will Young for having the most ragged costume. Miss Blanche Chappel won the ladies prize.

The members of the Social Dancing club held their regular fortnightly dance last evening at the Guards' armory. There was a large attendance.

The first annual ball of the Horsemen's club was given last evening at the old Guards' armory. There were about 200 persons present and the affair was a great success.

Cheap Rates to Mobile.
Account Mardi Gras the Wabash R. R. will on Saturday, February 19 and Sunday, February 20, sell tickets to Mobile and return via St. Louis and M. & O. railway, good returning six days, at \$11.05. Good returning 10 days at \$12.55. For particulars call at city or depot office. 11-438

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FEBRUARY—1898.

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WEATHER.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—Illinois: Cloudy with local rains and slightly cooler to-
night; Saturday partly cloudy, cooler in
eastern portions; fresh westerly winds.

Let De Lome Go Home.

The De Lome letter, which is now con-
ceded to be genuine, discloses to those who
heretofore have thought the Cubans
should accept the apparent liberal auton-
omy offered by Spain to Cuba, why the
Cuban patriots have refused the proffered
autonomy and the bribes offered by the
Spaniards. The Cubans know Spain to be
dishonest and that it will not keep its
agreement, and that the offer of auton-
omy is only a scheme to induce those in
rebellion in Cuba to lay down their arms,
after which Spain would do as it pleased
about keeping its pledges as to autonomy.
Spain deceived the Cubans in the settle-
ment of the war of 1895 and were they to
permit Spain to deceive them again they
would become the laughing stock of the
world. The Cubans know what Spanish
statesmanship is and will not again accept
as honest any proposition Spain may
make and Americans say amen to that.

Those Americans who have placed con-
fidence in the integrity of Spain in relation
to autonomy can now see in the De
Lome letter how Spain succeeded in de-
ceiving them, and, hereafter no American
citizen who has regard for his standing
among the people of the United States can
afford to permit himself to be governed
by anything Spanish diplomats may say.
In an emergency like this it is simply a
species of jaguery.

President McKinley has treated Spain
courteously and has demanded nothing
that was not suggested by common hu-
manity and pure patriotism. He has
caused Spain to release every American
citizen it had imprisoned. Spain had no
right to keep them in prison without a
speedy trial. He has caused the removal
of Weyler. Weyler was a brute and unfit
to command an army in this day of civil-
ization. He has caused Spain to offer
terms to the Cubans. They have rights
they are entitled to. He has caused the
battleships of the United States to appear
in Cuban harbors. American warships
have the same rights in Cuban waters
that the ships of any other nation have.
He has caused relief to be distributed to
the starving subjects of Spain in Cuba.
Spain never should have permitted Wey-
ler to enter upon a war of extermination
upon women and children. Therefore, it
is clear the president has demanded noth-
ing of Spain which was not proper, hu-
mane and patriotic. As a reward for all
this, while Minister De Lome was fawn-
ing at the feet of the president he secretly
writes a brutal letter in which he shame-
lessly tells of Spanish duplicity with the
president and exploits Spanish deception
as a virtue; and, not satisfied with this,
he speaks of the president as weak and
disposed to listen to the rabble (the Amer-
ican people) as a thing to be condemned.
This should end the chapter of letter
writing with Spain. What is needed to be
done in the Cuban affair, and that
which 90 out of every 100 Americans
want done, is to begin writing illustrious
American history with battleships and
with cannon. Before the week ends Spain
should be told what the United States
wants as to Cuba and proceed to carry it
out. That will rid the country of De
Lome without any red tape or waste of
ink as to his indifference for he will at
once sever his relations with this country.
This country, under present conditions
does not need De Lome or any other rep-
resentative of Spain here until the war in
Cuba is ended and another Republic is
born.

Carrying the War Into Africa.
American Economists: Fresh cause for
worry on the part of English ironmasters
is found in the following from a recent is-
sue of the London Financial News:
In steel and iron America is already a
keen competitor with our home manu-
facturers. Now we are told that an Amer-
ican syndicate, holding \$3,000,000 cap-
ital, is going to purchase the whole of
Soudan and Cardiff-Dowdall steel works,
with the collieries owned by the Wim-

borne family. That is carrying the war
into the enemy's country with a venge-
ance. The syndicate will develop the
works "on lines which will reduce the
cost of production to that which obtains
in America."

Ryland's Iron Trade Circular of Janu-
ary 8 gives full particulars of the rumored
purchase of the Welsh works, but express-
es doubt of the acceptance by Lord Wim-
borne of so small a sum as \$10,000,000 for
his interest in the two plants. In the
same issue Ryland's says:

The American iron and steel makers
appear determined to build for them-
selves an export business, and are facing
the British manufacturers in all their
markets. We now hear of a consignment
of nearly 3000 tons of steel rails for Cal-
cutta, and a consignment of 5000 tons of
Alabama iron dispatched from Pensacola
to Kobe and Yokohama, Japan. Not
only are they sending iron into some of
our best markets, but are supplying the
merchants and manufacturers of the
United Kingdom with large quantities of
iron and steel. It is believed that this
year over 70,000 tons of pig iron will
have been sent from the United States
into this country. It is not so many years
since we were exporting crude iron large-
ly to the United States, but that country
now meets all its own requirements, and
is able to send a little to us.

What has become of the "report" of
those silver missionaries who went to Ja-
pan seven or eight months ago to either
induce the benighted statesmen of that
country to return to the silver standard
or bring back information as to the horri-
ble schemes by which the gold standard
was forced upon them?

Clinton (Pa.) Herald: These who were
so happy not long since because they at-
tributed the deficits to the result of the
conditions under the first few months under
the Dingley law are saying nothing
about that December surplus of nearly
two million dollars. Nor are they calling
attention to the fact that the receipts un-
der the new law have increased 50 per
cent in five months' operation.

One reason for the rapid growth of pro-
tection in the south is found in the recent
statements which show that the cotton
spindles of that section have increased
from 680,000 in 1880 to over 4,000,000 in
1898, while those of the north have in-
creased but slightly meantime.

With the farm products advancing and
the value of farm animals increased \$150,-
000,000 in the past year, the silver orators
are going to have difficulty in their cam-
paign among the farmers this fall.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 11.
[No markets to-morrow, Saturday, Feb. 12—
Lincoln's Birthday.]

Bacon's Birthday.					
Wheat—	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Close.	Jan- uary.
Feb.	77	80	77	1 00	58
May	80	83	80	97	58 1/2
July	82	85	80	85	59
Sept.	84	87			60
Feb.				28	28
May	28 1/2	30 1/2	28 1/2	28	29
July	31	31 1/2	21	31 1/2	30 1/2
Feb.				36	34 1/2
May	28 1/2	30	25 1/2	29	29 1/2
July	29 1/2	33	23 1/2	23 1/2	30 1/2
May	10 62 1/2	10 75	10 60	10 70	10 62 1/2
Lard					
May	5 10	5 17 1/2	5 05	5 10	5 07 1/2
Ribs					
May	5 15	5 20	5 15	5 20	5 17

ANN AND SCRUGGS
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

Sale of Stockings.

Over this list of descriptions and prices and the cause of our strong leadership in the town. Bear in mind that we carry goods and that these extremely low or strictly reliable wearables.

Women's Plain Black Seamless Stockings—guaranteed fast color—the best 8½c stockings that we've seen—offered Saturday at—

5c pair.

Women's Fast Black Seamless Stockings—advertised elsewhere as a bargain at 12½c. A Saturday Special at—

9c pair.

Children's Fast Black Stockings—very elastic—double knee—high apical heel—sized 5 to 9½c. You won't find their equal priced under 25c pair. They're offered Saturday at—

15c pair.

Boys' Extra Heavy Bicycle Stockings—the best 25c school stockings ever placed on the market. If you buy them here to-morrow, they'll cost you only—

15c pair.

Little Stockings—double knee—bright, clean hose for to 10—at—

25c pair.

Attention to our splendid showing of Women's Fancy Hosiery, Lisle and Silks. Pricing begins at—

25c pair.

ANN AND SCRUGGS
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

Special Sale.

Saturday offerings of high class Toilet Soaps at price lowerings. Hundreds of economical bargain occasions—confidently expected Store.

Colgate's Guest Room Soap, (box of 3 cakes).....	35c
White Rose—4711—(box of 3 cakes).....	45c
Cashmere Bouquet Soap, (box of 3 cakes).....	66c
Let Powder, worth 25c per box.....	10c
Toilet Powder, worth 25c per box.....	10c
es—a dozen odors—clearing them out, at ounce	30c

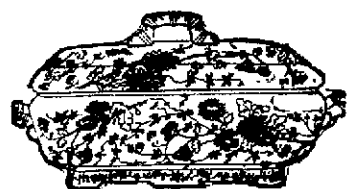
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er to entirely clean out our stock of Winter Wear, we have you one-fifth off on every Hat, Suit, Reefer, Pant and Underwear for Man, Boy or which we have. In Kersey elton Overcoats, we are selling many of them at the price we must pay for new ones, to advances in the cost of material and labor, and at a discount of 20 per cent. from our regular prices. They are remarkably cheap. Your time to lay in a supply. Court comparison on prices.

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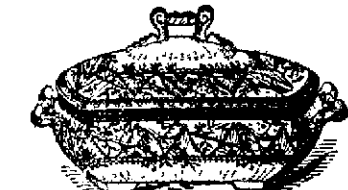
100 Piece Dinner Sets \$5.98.



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Don't fail to get one of these.



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In this sale of Dinner Sets you will find everything exactly as represented. Our 100-piece sets at \$5.98 are the best value that has ever been offered in this city. We have a very large variety of medium priced sets at \$8.50, \$9.00, \$10, \$12 and \$13.50 each. They are not "chestnuts," but are all new, fresh goods. If you want a Dinner Set you want to buy it now.

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW
CO.



MAY FINISH TO-MORROW.

It is Possible that the Thomason Case will be Closed—Other Business.

The case of Thomason vs. the Wabash railroad is still dragging along in the circuit court. It being the fourth time the case has been up the evidence was about the same, and it is, of course, not very interesting. It is possible that the case may be finished tomorrow evening and if not it will probably be brought to a close on Monday. The following were the entries on the court docket today:

CHANCERY CASES.

Sheridan Topper vs. Edward S. Edwards et al; foreclosure. Master reports due complainant on original bill \$1147.80 and on cross bill \$349.37, second mortgage and costs and sale Receiver's bond \$300.

Thomas O. Battles vs. Charles L. Costello et al, foreclosure. Master's report approved. Cause heard. Decree of foreclosure for \$1013.80 and costs and sale.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

James M. Hughes, assignee, eto. vs. Peter Mash; assumpsit. Rule to plead by March 1.

CONGRESS.

Business in the Two Houses—Allen Again After Spain.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The senate committee on appropriations completed the consideration of the fortification appropriation bill and recommended increases which double the figures in the bill as it was passed by the house. The total amount carried by the bill as agreed upon is over \$9,000,000.

Senator Murphy declined to discuss the action taken by the New York legislature censuring him for his vote on the Teller resolution.

In the senate Senator Allen of Nebraska introduced a resolution directing the committee on foreign relations to inquire whether the yacht Buconeer, owned by W. K. Haas, had been seized and held by the Spanish government. Passed.

The house committee on commerce by a tie vote killed the senate bill to permit South Carolina to control liquors brought into the state in original packages.

The Indian appropriation bill was taken up and passed.

Allen withdrew his appeal from the decision of the vice president, pending when the senate adjourned last evening.

Pettigrow of South Dakota offered an amendment for the restoration of the free homestead laws. Adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

The president nominated J. P. Burford, chief justice, and B. T. Hayner associate justice supreme court of Oklahoma; G. S. Turzill postmaster at Jefferson, Iowa; G. R. Palmer postmaster at Onarga, Ill.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

Springfield, Feb. 11.—Both houses adjourned to Monday afternoon without transacting any business, except the introduction of a bill to enable park commissioners and park authorities to make local improvements and provide for the payment thereof.

The joint committee of conference on revenue held a meeting after adjournment this morning and organized by the election of Senator Dunlap as chairman, then adjourned to Tuesday.

Household Gods.

The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshipped as household gods in every home. The household god of today is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure, or money returned. No household could be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at J. E. King's and O. F. Shilling's drug stores. Regular size, 50c and \$1.00.

Don't miss the Traveling Men's minstrel show tonight at the Grand.

Sales of Real Estate.

Bachelor A. Patterson to John R. Willard, 180 feet off the west end of lot 2 of the East addition of the village of Warrensburg; \$200.

A Peerless Liniment.

As a pain destroyer and cure for rheumatism, Salvation Oil is the peer of all liniments. Mr. Wm. H. Brown, proprietor of Striebinger House, Cleveland, O., writes: "I suffered from rheumatism for two years and my last attack kept me in bed, unable to walk. I used Salvation Oil and soon was up and about. As a pain destroyer this liniment has no equal." Salvation Oil is sold everywhere for 25 cents. Try it and be convinced.

PERSONAL.

—C. E. Akers has returned from Chicago.

—Dr. W. J. T. Patterson of Casner was in the city yesterday.

—Mrs. Julius Randall of West Wood street is ill.

—W. S. Grubbs of the Linn & Scruggs company, is at Indianapolis, on a visit.

—Constable Midkiff has returned from Freeport and Rockford.

—John Zollars of Macon visited W. M. Lewis and family today.

—A Citizens' Mutual telephone is being put in the office of Race & Payne.

—J. E. Moffett of Clinton was in the city yesterday on business.

—Edgar Stearns of Forsyth was the guest of Decatur friends yesterday.

—H. C. Anthony is confined to his home with a severe attack of tonsillitis.

—Miss Kate Sherrick will go to Normal tomorrow to visit her friend, Miss Crisswell.

—Mrs. Olive Brubaker of Brookton is visiting her aunt, Mrs. H. Brubaker, at 908 View street.

—C. A. Lucas of Indianapolis, representative of the Lackawanna Freight line is in the city.

—E. B. Meyers and Chan Powers attended the shooting tournament at Clinton yesterday.

—W. H. Darr of Peoria, former manager of the Great Eastern Tea Co., is visiting friends in the city.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Frahlman of 650 East North street, yesterday, a son.

—Messrs. M. J. Hogan of Taylorville and F. B. Johnson of Springfield were the guests of Attorney W. B. Tyler today.

—W. W. Hill of Chillicothe, Ohio, is in the city visiting Miss Goldie Porter of 428 Morgan street.

—Miss Goldie Porter has returned from Niantle, where she attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Milligan.

—Frank and Edward Powers will arrive home this evening from New York, where they have been attending the Francis Fischer Powers' conservatory.

—Frank R. Schull, who left two weeks ago for a tour of Europe, arrived on last Monday at Gibraltar and after a stay of two days there started for Naples and a short stay in Italy.

MEN MUST BE PAID.

Mayor Taylor Says that the Laborers Must Receive Their Money While He is in Office.

This afternoon Mayor Taylor received a receipt for the \$5000 which he loaned to the city. The receipt was signed Comptroller Robbins. In speaking of the matter Mayor Taylor said: "The laboring men who work for the city must receive their pay promptly and while I am mayor there will never be another time when the money is not ready for them if they come after it. The laboring men must have their money."

A snow and blizzard prevailed in Nebraska and Wisconsin yesterday. Big storm in South Dakota.

Nine hundred people sailed from Seattle Thursday for Alaska.

Rookefeller has given Cleveland, Ohio, a park valued at \$50,000.

Governor Tanner has signed the primary election bill.

Take Warning.

St. Louis, Feb. 11.—The League of American Wheelmen are engaged today in acting on the proposed amendment to the constitution. One of these adopted forbids professionals from starting in open races unless registered by the national racing board.

A resolution was adopted calling on the government to demand from the Turkish government the payment of \$40,000 for the murder of Frank H. Lenz of Pittsburgh, in the Turkish dominions.

These amendments were adopted:

That the pay of the chairman of the racing board be \$2500 salary and other members of the board sums hereafter to be fixed.

That in any six day race the contestants must rest at least two hours daily, or 12 hours during a contest.

Poultry.

Geese, Ducks, Turkeys, Broilers, Fries, Hens. Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Telephone 344, old and new.

Magnum Opus Club.

The Magnum Opus club will meet this evening with the president, Miss Hattie Brown. The second lesson in Bacon will be given and the discussion of Alaska finished. Cuba will be studied at the next meeting.

Will Give a Supper.

On next Thursday evening the ladies of the Baptist church will serve a supper in the lecture room of the church. There will be an entertainment in the evening.

Mr. Mayo, supported by a good company, gave "Pudd'head Wilson" at the Grand last night in good style. It was the second presentation of the play in Decatur, and drew a large audience.

ANN AND SCRUGGS

DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

Mister Man...

Perhaps you're not acquainted with our Men's Furnishing Department. We make a specialty of catering to correct dressers who do not hesitate to economize without sacrificing quality or style. Some of the finest furnishings seen on the streets of Decatur came from The Big Store at a Saving of from 10 to 25 per cent. to the buyers. Drop in some time to-morrow—we've several "Saturday Specials" that may interest you.

We sold nearly a hundred Black Neckties last Saturday and we've probably that many left for to-morrow. They're made of satin and silk in several popular shapes, such as Tecks, Four-in-Hands, Clubs, Band and Shield Bows. A good many thoughtful men bought two or three of them and several wise fellows took a half dozen. Everybody agreed that they were the best 25c ties that were ever shown in a Decatur store. Our price is

15c

If you want a better tie you'll be interested in an odd lot that we're showing at 39c. Most any shape—dozens of patterns—light and dark effects. Your choice of these 50c Ties at—

39c

A good many men wear colored shirts but they're not especially taken with the "loud" variety so generously displayed at some shops. A neat colored shirt is the correct thing for business and semi-dress, and we've a line of bright, new "all-overs" in neat stripes, bars and checks that are accompanied with collars and cuffs. The complete outfit was intended to retail at \$1.00. Your choice, Saturday at

75c

Still another line of Shirts with white bodies and colored bosoms—the best that we've seen in their class. Some of them have collars and cuffs and some have just the cuffs. They're every one worth a dollar and quite a few of them are the dollar and a half sort. Their only fault is that the size line is slightly broken. We've most sizes, however, and offer you choice of the lot at

89c

The little window at the Main Entrance would like to speak to you a minute.

5,000 PAIRS OF SHOES And RUBBERS

In Powers' Bargain Basement, One-Half Block East of Transfer House—South Side.

5,000 Pairs of Good Shoes to be sold as shoes were never sold before; shattering all shoe selling records and causing all well posted buyers within 35 miles of Decatur to talk of Powers' Phenomenal Shoe Prices. All Shoes and Rubbers are splendid for wear; many are the Spring styles of the finest qualities; the pick, the cream of all offerings at half, one-third and one-quarter prices—with a splendid provision of sale place in our well lighted basement. It is more than ever apparent that this sale appeals with singular appropriateness not only to our own customers but to the customers of all other shops.

FOR \$1.50 { Ladies' fine hand turned oxford \$4.00 shoe; Ladies' spring heel patent leather shoe, cloth tops, \$4 grades; New York make; Ladies' welt sewed all kid shoe, \$3.00 grade; Ladies' spring heel or heel cloth top, button, Merriam Shoe Co. make, \$3.00—All go at.....\$1.50

\$1.00 { Merriam Misses' finest shoes, all sizes and widths, \$2.50 grade, in tans, kid tops, and fifteen other lots at One-Third Price.

25c, 50c and 75c. { Children's Shoes, made by J. T. Cousin, Merriam Shoe Co. and John Ennis; worth up to \$2.00, choice.

25c. { Ladies' All Wool Leggings for bicycle—\$1.00 value.

18c. { Men's Holdfast Rubbers, first quality, 75c grade.

28c { Ladies' finest Rubbers, light weight, for 28c—Regular 50c kind.

\$2.00 { A broken lot of Hannon & Son's Fine Shoes, \$5.00 and \$6.00 value. This is the price of common shoes.

200 OTHER BARGAINS---100 LONG LIST TO PRINT.

POWERS' ONLY SHOE STORE, 143 EAST MAIN ST., South Side.

I am not connected with any other shoe store in Decatur. My store on East Main street is absolutely my only place of business. **GEO. W. POWERS.**

Prices Away Below Any and All Competition...

Sales last week beyond all expectation. Still greater inducements for this week. Everything goes without special reference to cost or value. Money is wanted for this stock and the prices will make the goods go like wildfire. **DON'T FAIL TO ATTEND THIS SALE.**

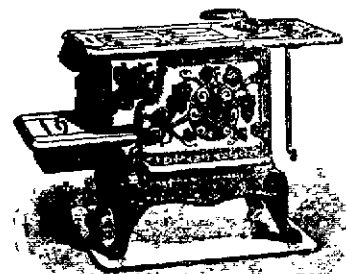
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TAKE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE "EAGLE BRAND"
THOUSANDS OF MOTHERS TESTIFY TO ITS SUPERIORITY.
"INFANT HEALTH" SENT FREE. NEW YORK CONDENSED MILK CO. N. Y.



SUPERIOR Cook Stoves and Steel Ranges.



18 YEARS

We have sold these goods in Decatur. No other line in the city has been sold for half this time.

No Steel Range

on the market can compare with the "Superior." The best is always the cheapest when buying a cook stove or range.

A Full Line on Our Floor.

Bachman Bros. & Martin Co.

240-252 E. MAIN STREET.

The People's
Savings
And Loan
Association.

Shares in the
40th Series can
Now be Obtained
at the
Office of
The Association.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

In Class "A" 50c Per Share per month for about 120 months.
In Class "C" \$1.00 Per Share per month for about 72 months.
In Class "E" \$2.00 Per Share per month for about 42 months.

DEWITT C. SHOCKLEY,
PRESIDENT.
ALBERT BARNES,
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HUMBERT AND HIS DOCTOR.

Anecdotes of the King of Italy and Dr. Carlo Saggiore.

The late death of Dr. Carlo Saggiore, private physician of King Humboldt, produced a general feeling of sorrow. Apart from his professional attainments, he was well known as a fine shot and a passionate lover of hunting. He had held the same office under King Vittorio Emanuele, and the present king, although he has a special dislike for doctors, regarded him and treated him as a friend. Dr. Saggiore spoke to me on one occasion of the strong constitution of the Italian sovereign, his passion for riding, hunting and other violent exercises. In the chase or at the maneuvers King Humbert is always the first on horseback, and the late to dismount, fresh and smiling, when his companions are jaded and worn out. Dr. Saggiore was ever at his side—on the top of the snowy Alps chasing the wild goat and chamois, in the almost inaccessible forests of Castel Fusano hunting the wild boar, or on the immense sunny plains of Lombardy to pass in review thousands and thousands of soldiers.

Sometimes the king from his hunting lodge of Castel Fusano goes to the sea and amuses himself by shoveling sand into a cart. "Take care, your majesty," said Saggiore one day, "not to perspire too much." "Ah! my dear doctor," answered the king, resting his chin on his two hands, which grasped the handle of his spade, "this muscular exercise does me much more good than your prescriptions." "Yes, but one must abuse nothing." "But I tell you that I feel very well and you are afraid you see in this poor shovel a competitor." And, laughing heartily, the king finished filling his cart.

However, by exposing himself in every way without exercising any care the king contracted bronchitis, which has taken a chronic form and has given him a rather troublesome cough. This cough was a source of anxiety to the faithful doctor, as he could not convince his patient of the necessity for taking medicine. Occasionally the doctor was even sent away abruptly by the king, who would say: "I have not called you. Why do you come? You may go. I thank you very much!"

One evening, however, the deceased doctor thought he had gained his point, and prepared for the king to his bed.

room the powers he was to take during the night. The next morning Dr. Saggiore rose very early, as King Humbert never sleeps more than five hours, being very anxious to know the effect of his medicine. He was received in the bedroom, and at once asked: "Well, how does your majesty feel this morning?" "Much better—I may say, quite well," was the response. "Ah!" observed the doctor, rubbing his hands with satisfaction, "you see the result of listening to reason." "What do you mean?" asked the king. "The powders!" "Bravo!" shouted King Humbert. "Go into the next room and see what you can find."

The powders were in the waste-paper basket.

Dr. Saggiore had eventually to abandon his post, being struck down by paralysis, but King Humbert, although obliged to have another physician in the person of Dr. Querico, would not replace him officially until his death.—Rome Cor. Pall Mall Gazette.

Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Why are servant girls seldom observed?

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers.

Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick and positive relief to all cases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Albert Howard of Kenney has sold his 180 acres of land south of, Kenney, to H. C. Rybolt for \$2800, and has bought 180 acres near Lexington, O. T., where he will move.

MUNYON'S

COLD CURE

WHEN YOU GET MARRIED.

Marketing Is One of the Things You May Have to Do.

Tompkins Did It Just to Please His Economical Wife—The Result Is Best Told in His Own Words.

"If you would just get over your foolish pride about carrying bundles it would save us a good deal that we now spend for expressage," said Mrs. Tompkins to her husband at the breakfast table one Saturday morning. "I'm sure that I see other men carrying bundles—lots of them. And here you go right by the markets, and it wouldn't be any trouble at all for you to run in and get some things. Mr. Jones and Mr. Smyth and others do it and it would save us ever so much."

Tompkins, who is a suburbanite, happened to be in a saving mood that morning, says the Detroit Free Press, and he surprised his wife by saying: "I don't know but you're right, my dear, and I'll try it. As you say, I come right by the markets on my way to the train, and we've simply got to cut down our expenses in some direction. Make out a list of things you want to-day and I'll bring them home with me."

It was a good deal beyond his usual time when Tompkins came home that evening. His wife had been wedded to him long enough to know that her liege lord was, to put it mildly, mad, before he opened his mouth, but she said cheerily:

"You're late, my dear."

"Late!" he burst forth. "It's a wonder to me that I ever got home at all!"

"Why?" mimicked Tompkins, "you ever give me another marketing list and you'll find out why!"

"I guess I'm apt to find out anyhow."

"I guess so, too, for—why—unless heaven couldn't you get cranberries out here? I doubt if I've got a dozen left!"



PLEASURE OF MARKETING.
("She Said I Was Not a Gentleman.")

of the two quarts I was fool enough to buy, for the bag they were in burst and they dribbled out all the way to the train, and—"

"Why, Will Tompkins?"

"And if you ever wheedle me into buying another roast of beef and tugging it home in my arms you'll know it! It was raining like fury when I came out of the market with that beef and the paper around it got wet and peeled off and then I was streaking through the streets with nine pounds of uncovered, bloody raw beef under my arms. Got my hands all over blood until I looked like an escaped murderer! I'd of flung the blamed beef into the street if it hadn't cost so much, and—"

"I'm sorry, dear, and—"

"You'll be sorer if you ever ask me to lug home a dozen eggs again! I put them into my overcoat pocket and somebody jammed up against me and there they are in one big, nasty, cold omelet in my pocket, and—"

"O, will!"

"You'll say 'O, will' when you look into the other overcoat pocket, for I put in it that blamed bottle of pickled gherkins you wanted and I slipped on the shiny pavement and banged up against a lamp-post and smashed the bottle all to pieces and then I had to go through the streets with a lot of vinegar dribbling from my coat pocket and all over my clothes, and I—"

"It was too bad!"

"And when I fell I flung the roast of beef about ten feet into the air, and it hit a lady in the back and glanced off into a mud puddle, and she said I was no gentleman, and threatened to have me arrested, and right in the middle of it a man came up with six links of sausage dangling from the end of his cane and said, with a fiendish grin: 'You dropped them, sir.' I'd have denied it, but he laid them across my arm and went off giggling like a fool, and I—"

"Oh, excuse me, Will, but I can't help laughing."

"I'll bet, by George, that you don't get a chance to laugh at me again soon for the same cause. I've done my last marketing. You say 'market' to me again, and I'll take the first train for Oklahoma, where I can get a divorce for less than this cursed marketing bout has cost me! I'll be ready for supper when I get some of the mud and blood and eggs and vinegar off of me! Ketch me going to market again!"

Precoctions Indian Lads.

The extraordinary precocity of the children of India has called forth the astonishment of a recent traveler, who says that many of them are skilled workmen at an age when children are usually learning the alphabet.

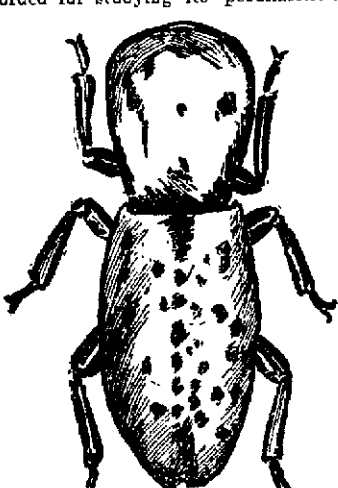
The Diameter of Neptune.

A determination of Prof. Barnard with the Lick telescope places the diameter of Neptune at 32,000 miles— from 2,000 to 4,000 miles less than is stated in most text-books.

BUG THAT CUTS METAL.

A Mexican Insect Which Is Exciting Scientific Interest.

A few evenings ago a paper was read before the New York Microscopic society upon the metal-cutting beetle of Mexico which excited much popular interest. The Zopherus Mexicanus, as it is called scientifically, is but little known in this country. A visitor from Mexico brought to New York in 1888 the first specimen which had been seen in this country and gave it to W. F. Devoe. This one died or escaped with in a short time, and little chance was afforded for studying its peculiarities.



ZOPHERUS MEXICANUS.
(The Only Beetle Known That Can Cut Metal.)

Soon afterward another was obtained, and it is in regard to this one that Mr. Devoe tells the following story:

The beetle was between four and five centimeters long (more than an inch and a half), about one-third as wide and was somewhat mottled. Being placed in a cardboard box for confinement, the curious creature effected its escape therefrom by cutting through the material. It did the same thing when put into a box with a wooden top. Finally the owner immersed the beetle in a small glass jar with a tight-fitting pewter cover. In order to give the bug fresh air, however, several holes were punched in the metal. There were from one-quarter to three-eighths of an inch in diameter and the plate itself was about one-sixteenth of an inch in thickness. After this last bottling the little rascal escaped again, and in the same manner as before. Careful examination of the cover showed that the beetle had gnawed the metal where there was an exposed edge. It had not bored. It had tried its mandibles first on one opening and then on another. At length, more by accident than design, no doubt, it had cut away the intervening material between the two holes, thus merging them into one. The gap was large enough to allow the bug to crawl through. Fortunately in every case this specimen was recaptured. The beetle did not swallow the metal; it could not be said to have eaten the stuff. Bits of the pewter, large and small, like variously sized particles of sawdust, were found in the jar and have been carefully preserved.

When one remembers that a tool must be harder than the substance which it is used to cut he realizes how remarkable was such a performance.

Parity of Group.

Statistics show that thousands of infants and children yearly die of membranous croup. We do not exaggerate when we state that every one of these innocents could have been saved had Foley's Honey and Tar been given in time. Can you afford to be without it in your household? H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

J. M. Summers of Jacksonville, while hunting accidentally shot his left hand so badly as to require amputation.

After years of untold suffering from piles, H. W. Purcell, of Kintonsville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases, such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores, are readily cured by this famous remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A. J. Elliott of Peoria has been re-elected as secretary and general manager of the Illinois Car Service association.

A Short, sad, Story.

A Cold. Neglect. Pneumonia. Grief.

Had Foley's Honey and Tar been used, this story would have had a happier ending. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Illinois Central Engineer E. L. Welton lost an eye the other day in Champaign by the bursting of a glass of the lubricator.

What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Why does the last match invariably fail to light?

C. A. Arthur, a student of the University of Illinois at Champaign, formerly of Ferris, died Sunday from a bowel trouble, requiring surgical treatment.

A Truthful Statement.

An excellent and invaluable remedy, for the cure of cough, cold and hoarseness, is Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and Mr. Jas. Hadfield, 350 West St., New York City, verifies this statement.

He writes: "Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is a most excellent remedy for cough, cold and hoarseness, and I take great pleasure in recommending it to all, who require such a valuable household medicine." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is sold everywhere for 25 cents.

A Northern Love Light.

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protector, the Rajah of Sudrana. The British agent was spending a vacation at Singapore, and so, he not being there to interfere, the bargain was talked over in a matter of fact way. I believe it only fell through on a question of price. Aynou, who knew everything that went on in the principality of Sudrana, was much disturbed at the thought of losing me and decided that rather than do that we should run away together. She took me to where I could look through a screen and see the rajah. He had a villainous and cruel face as ever a Malay carried. He was a murderous pirate, wherever he dared practice his calling, Aynou told me, and she related some stories about him that made me very unwilling to be transferred to his protection, even if Aynou were taken with me as part of the bargain. Fortunately the trade, as I have said, fell through, but Aynou was not reassured. "He'll have you yet, if you stay here," she said gloomily. "He'll offer enough to get you next time, or come with his war proas and carry you away anyhow."

"Aka Marduk went away without me, and the next thing I heard was the news through the British agent, on his return, that my father's ship was at Singapore, and would soon be coming up the coast for me. I didn't know whether to be glad or sorry at the news, for my father was so dimly remembered that he seemed like a stranger to me. I was certain that I did not want to part with Aynou, and, once more we talked over the project of running away into the jungle. The poor witch was sorrowful enough at the thought of parting from me, but waited to see my

father, before deciding to run away. When one day he came up the lagoon in a merchant proa—his ship was loading with teak oak at a port a hundred miles down the coast—she looked him keenly over, liked his appearance, and accepted the presents he gave her for her kindness to me. When she took his gifts, I knew the matter was settled, and that she had decided to let him take me away."

"It was high time my father got along, for Aka Marduk came the next day, and he looked black enough to see me preparing to start away on the merchant proa. It seems that he had intended me as a present to his favorite wife, who had a fancy for a white serving maid. The British agent gave my father a word of caution when he sailed."

"Rajah Aka Marduk is here," he said. "He has two war proas well manned. He'll not make any trouble in this vicinity, but you'd better keep an eye out for him outside the reef. Keep your firearms in readiness and don't let him sail in too close company with you."

"Aynou warned me to the same effect when I parted with her. She exercised me in some incantations for regulating the winds and weather, and taught me a new one for use against the wicked rajah. Also she cautioned me about killing snakes."

"When you see a snake with a red diamond on his head, you let him be," she said; "that snake is your friend. He wears my mark."

She was wearing on her head as she spoke a diamond shaped piece of red cloth, one point of which came well down on her forehead. Her black hair, hanging down in long close braids, looked alive and writhing. With her slender form, lithe and flexible as a willow switch, her quick, fierce eye, and swift, supple movement, she seemed a serpent or tigress incarnated in woman's shape. She did not cry or lament when the time came for me to go, but stooped fiercely to fondle us as if she were minded to bear me off or to tear me to pieces rather than any one else should possess me. Suddenly she turned and, without a word, glided from me and was lost to view before I could get to the proa against the shore where my father was awaiting me.

"The Rajah of Sudrana was consoled for my departure by the presents my father brought him. With the British agent at hand to back him up, he laughed at the threats of his brother rajah of Pajaram, who was in a bad state of mind over losing me, and swore he would have me yet by fraud or force. Aka Marduk's proas put out from the lagoon an hour before we sailed. When we got to the open sea they were lying off the mouth of the lagoon, and before we had got a league to the southward they had hoisted their lateen sails and were coming along after us.

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Sir Francis Grenfell, who is in command of the British forces that are now advancing up the Nile and have already reached Khartoum, possesses, by experience, an intimate knowledge of the country through which he is leading his soldiers. He was an officer in the expeditions of 1882 and 1884, and was sirdar of the Egyptian army from 1885 to 1892, a period which included the command of the forces at Suakin in 1893.

Sir Francis' rank is that of major general. He is now 57 years old, and

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Has been in the military service of his country since 1859. The general had some experience, too, in Africa. He was deputy assistant adjutant general at headquarters in the Zulu war of 1879, and was present in the engagement at Ulundi. He won distinction in that action, and was given a medal with clasp for gallantry. In the Egyptian war of 1882 he was assistant adjutant and quartermaster general, and was mentioned in the dispatches from the battle of Tel-el-Kebir. For his service there he was given third class of Medjidieh, medal with clasp, the khedive's star, and was made aid to the queen. He won Circle of Bath and clasp in the Nile expedition of 1885-86. He fought in the action of Ginnis, and for his conduct there he was promoted to the first class of Medjidieh, was made knight Circle of Bath and given the third class of the Osmanieh.

When Sir Francis was leaving Egypt the khedive gave him a sword of honor "in souvenir of the victories of Ginnis, Gamalza and Toaki." His career has been one of the most successful in the English army.

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COLD, DAMP WEATHER

Again Grips us by the Throat, but you can shake off that dreadful "Grip," Cough or Cold, if you will use

The Great 4-C Remedy.

WHAT IF NOT MIRACLES?

The great Four-C Remedy is doing work wherever introduced as nearly miraculously as it ever falls to the lot of any human agency to do (I will esteem it a favor for any one interested to write the persons whose names appear below or any one whose names may appear among these testimonials.)

My aim is to convince the public of my sincerity and of the true merits of this remedy.

BENEFICIARIES OF THE RACE.

Office of "KINGFISHER TIMES," Kingfisher, Okla., Dec. 21, '97.

GENTLEMEN—I believe it my duty to write you a line regarding the beneficial effect of your "Four-C Remedy," so far as I am personally concerned. A week ago last Thursday I was taken with a severe attack of the grippe and in a short time became so hoarse I could not speak above a whisper. The first thing I noticed nearly the entire night, just before retiring I took a teaspoonful, and slept the most peaceful sleep I had in my life, not coughing once. I was entirely relieved before taking one bottle, Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure should be in every household in the land. I would not take this remedy for anything but the relief it has given me, for you are benefactors of the race in giving the antidote for some of the worst ailments to which it is heir. Very truly yours,

C. J. NESSITT, Editor.

A MIRACLE.

Kansas City, Kansas, Dec. 21, '97.

Right Friday, Dec. 19, my attending physician said I could not live. I was suffering from a severe attack of the grippe and in a short time became so hoarse I could not speak above a whisper. I tried every known cough remedy, but to no avail. I was down with no relief, then in desperation I was induced to try Phelps' "Four-C Remedy." The first dose relieved my cough, during the first night's rest for weeks. Half the bottle cured me. I have never been without this wonderful remedy since. It is as different from any other remedy as a mole is from a pig. It is a miracle. I am a grateful benefactor of the race in giving the antidote for some of the worst ailments to which it is heir. Very truly yours,

Mrs. JOSEPH E. GREEN, 315 Madison Ave., Washington Avenue and Summit St.

NOTICE TO DRUGGISTS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

Contract—Druggists are authorized in ALL CASES TO REFUND THE PURCHASE PRICE, if the Four-C Remedy (Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure) fails to give satisfaction in Croup, Bronchitis, Asthma, LaGrippe, Coughs and Colds, no matter how long standing, or deep seated, in fact I guarantee in all manner of Bronchial or Lung trouble, not as a cure-all, but to give unbounded satisfaction. Give it a trial on the above conditions. I take all chances.

R. R. Phelps, 118 53d Street, Chicago, Ill., Prop.

or sale by Armstrong Bros., C. F. Shilling and W. H. Hubbard

SIR FRANCIS GRENFELL.

Commander of the British Forces in the Sudan.

Sir Francis Grenfell, who is in command of the British forces that are now advancing up the Nile and have already reached Khartoum, possesses, by experience, an intimate knowledge of the country through which he is leading his soldiers. He was an officer in the expeditions of 1882 and 1884, and was a member of the Egyptian army from 1885 to 1892, a period which included the command of the forces at Suakin in 1889.

Sir Francis' rank is that of major general. He is now 57 years old, and

DR. L. A. WARNER has resigned his position as chief of the medical staff of the Kankakee hospital for the insane. March 1 he will resume his private practice.

The Champaign Gazette reports a growing habit among people in that city to walk in the middle of the street, resulting from their use of the pavement when the walks were lay.

SIR FRANCIS GRENFELL.

Commander of the British Forces in the Sudan.

Was born in the military service of his country since 1859. The general had some experience, too, in Africa. He was deputy assistant adjutant general at headquarters in the Zulu war of 1879, and was present in the engagement at Ulundi. He won distinction in that action, and was given a medal with clasp for gallantry. In the Egyptian war of 1882 he was assistant adjutant and was mentioned in the dispatches from the battle of Tel-el-Kebir. For his service there he was given third class of Medjidieh, medal with clasp, the khedive's star, and was made aide to the queen. He was Circle of Bath and clasp in the Nile expedition of 1885-86. He fought in the action of Ginnis, and for his conduct there he was promoted to the first class of Medjidieh, was made knight Circle of Bath and given the third class of the Osmanieh.

When Sir Francis was leaving Egypt the khedive gave him a sword of honor "in souvenir of the victories of Ginnis, Gamaiza and Tokki." His career has been one of the most successful in the English army.

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People's Column.

Advertisements of Party words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of 50 cents per week, payable in advance.

For Sale, For Rent, Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.

WANTED—You to give your orders for carpets to clean and feathers to renovate. Work called for and delivered free. Satisfaction guaranteed. Place of business, 1500 Washabaw, telephone 667. HAYES & ANTHONY, oct-12-d

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—A new, superior Kimball organ for sale very cheap. Call at 966 East Canal street. C. B. ADKINSON, 20-d

FOR SALE—Four room house, pantry and closets. East lake finish; newly papered; will sell at a sacrifice. Call at No. 1790 North Clinton street; new phone 185-27-d

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—A house of five rooms, with good water, summer kitchen and stable, on a plot of eight acres at Boody, Ill. Terms very low. Inquire of Frederick Nienhuis, Boody, Ill. Feb 1-6-d

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—My factory building on East 18th Street, 2 stories, 24x90 feet. Windows every 4 feet. Street paved. Street and sewerage. Will fit up to suit business. Best location in the city. Apply to JOHN A. BROWN, 142 S. Main St., 5-dime

MONEY TO LOAN.

LOANS...

Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, 187 North Water street. Low rates. May 20-d

SAMUEL M'BRIDE

LOANS AND SECURITIES.

ROOMS 702-3-4. MILLIKIN BANK BLDG., DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

LOANS PEGRAM & CO.,

Room One, over Citizen's Nat. Bank.

ALBERT T. SUMMERS,

LOAN BROKER.

All Classes of Loans Negotiated. 145 North Water Street, DECATUR, ILL.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST OR STOLEN—Large pocket-book containing money, keys, etc., in the city of Decatur, Ill. Finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the same at the office of the Sheriff or at the office of the Sheriff's Office. Feb 1-6-d

MISCELLANEOUS.

A FINE STOCK of Potted Blooming Plants of all kinds, also Cut Flowers, Roses, Carnations, etc., at 100 North Water street, Decatur, Ill. N. BOMMERBACH, phone 6-7-d

CURRY & POOLE, MILK DEPOT.

Milk, Cream, Butter and Dressed Poultry, Whiskies and Bottles, 451 North Water street, Decatur, Ill. Jan 24-d

W. M. HANSTON'S Transfer and Storage.

Large Warehouse, largest and most convenient way for the city for the storage of all kinds of goods. Office and warehouse 730 and 742 East Cor. Gordie street. Old Tel. 254. Jan 24-d

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IF you need a set of De Vinco Price Markers or Rubber Clasp Stamp, plain or ornamental, supplies or anything in the Commercial Store, call on or write to J. W. RACE, 100 North Water street, Decatur, Ill. mar 1-d

R. O. ROSEN, Architect and Builder.

Office 100 North Water street, Review Building, North Main street.

STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE.

A lot of household goods, bedroom suit, chairs, couches, carpets, etc., in good condition, that we will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them. This is a rare chance. Call on J. W. RACE, 100 North Water street. Jan 10-d

GREY DILTS—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch tubular wall, or your old walls made deeper. We will cut all kinds of sizes, from two inches to three feet. 75 cents per yard or 1712 E. Prairie street. nov 29-d

\$225 buys the lot on North Union street, 100x100. What the matter with this money. PETER H. HITEK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-d

STEAMSHIP TICKETS to all parts of Europe; either first or second cabin, or steerage tickets, at the very lowest prices. For further information call on or write to J. W. RACE, 100 North Water street, Decatur, Ill. 215 North Main street. Feb 17-d

Blue Grass Carriage Shop.

Your vehicle insured and stored at my risk free of cost, if repairs or repainting is necessary for spring. I have a lot of good dry wood and staves, also two hundred vehicles on terms. Corner of East Main and Franklin streets. Jan 10-d

TRUNKS SEWED—Ladies, send us your full ad in dress pattern, and we will express to you a trunk to hold your wardrobe. We will pack it to suit you, and we will send you a beautiful box of goods, also a set of drawers, for your trouble, full size for family use. Name nearest express office and address. Arabian Perfumery Co., Box 12, Bridgeport, Conn. Feb 17-d

VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE.

The undersigned as assignee of Michael Bleichner, insolvent, offers for sale the following valuable property: 147 lots in Elmhurst Heights, an addition to the city of Decatur, Ill. 1. Lot 8 and 9, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 2. Lot 10, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 3. Lot 11, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 4. Lot 12, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 5. Lot 13, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 6. Lot 14, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 7. Lot 15, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 8. Lot 16, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 9. Lot 17, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 10. Lot 18, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 11. Lot 19, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 12. Lot 20, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 13. Lot 21, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 14. Lot 22, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 15. Lot 23, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 16. Lot 24, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 17. Lot 25, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 18. Lot 26, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 19. Lot 27, block 1, East Park Boulevard. 20. 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Our low prices admit of no discount, and the qualities we give are the best premiums you could ask for.

These are Undisputed Facts

and there is no lever so powerful as plain and simple facts. This is the reason that we are making and presenting them to the people every day.

We Warrant Our Prices to be Right

That is, we absolutely guarantee them at least as low if not lower—equal all around excellence considered—than can be found anywhere. Our store must stand first in the estimation of the purchasing public.

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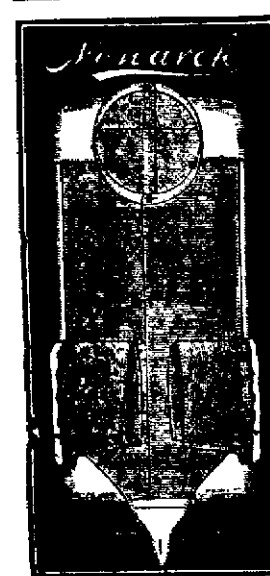
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We have them in Ladies' Vesting Faced Shoes, the NEWEST THING OUT. What we have are seasonable fashions, such as are worn by people of good taste, and at popular prices, too.

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LOCAL NEWS.

We Don't Want

You to fall to look at our line of Dinner Sets in this great reduction sale. They go from \$5.98 to \$4.00. They include all the English decorated sets as well as the Haviland China.

E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Davis' 15c Delivery. Cab, 25c.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kack.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-23-24

Smoke the Queen, manufactured by Keddick & Kneisk. 15c-24c

Smoke the Little J. 5-cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

At 223 North Main street the largest stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed, also the greatest assortment of Flower Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Duffee & Culp. 9-26

Several of the members of the Decatur Musical club and other musicians of the city are rehearsing the opera "Spectre Knight," which they will give at Monticello soon.

Don't miss the Traveling Men's minstrel show tonight at the Grand.

The girls' mission of College street chapel will meet Saturday afternoon.

Will Sing for Charity.

Mr. George Dunston and Miss Beatrice Howard are among the soloists who will sing at the charity concert to be given by the Kenwood club on Thursday afternoon February 17, in Chicago.

Louhuda.

We have placed this beautiful line of goods on sale at 60 cents on the dollar during our great reduction sale. It must be seen to be appreciated.

E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Released from the Asylum.

Henry Long, a young man residing near Moweaqua, who was adjudged insane and sent to Kankakee last July, was this week pronounced cured by the authorities at the asylum and sent home.

A Matter of Interest to Everybody.

That you can get any and every day of the week a goose, turkey, broiler, spring, pullet, hen or anything in the game line at Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Tel old and new No. 344—8-26

Fire in a Saloon.

There was a little blaze in Wilson and Rawley's saloon at an early hour this morning. In the front part of the basement under the saloon where the beer is kept there was a fire, but there was more smoke than fire and the damage was slight.

Valentines.

They are surprises in beauty. Call at L. Chodak's News House.

Ladies' Night.

Last night the gentlemen of the Decatur club gave another reception for the ladies which was more largely attended than any that has been held lately. Six hundred couples were present. The prize for the largest number of points, a handsome jewel case, was won by Miss Mae Harwood. A number of out of town guests were present. Trappe was served during the evening.

Five Pounds Sugar Free.

Every man, woman or child buying one pound of Great Eastern Baking Powder, 45 cents and 55 cents worth of coffee or one pound of tea, 60 cents, or one dollar's worth of coffee, we will give five pounds granulated sugar free Saturday only. The Great Eastern Coffee and Tea Co., A. S. Morgan, Manager—10-22

East Park Chapel.

Rev. S. H. Boyer is meeting with much success in the meetings being held this week at East Park chapel. There was a large audience last night, the church being filled. There has been a large number of seekers and several bright conversions and the interest is growing with each meeting. It has not been decided as to whether the meetings will continue next week.

Becklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Why should the laundress always be in need of washing?

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coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate, it nourishes, cheers and feeds. Yet it looks and tastes like the best coffee. For nervous persons, young people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer today. Try it in place of coffee. 15 and 25c.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Milligan Married 50 Years.

RARE EVENT AT NIANTIC

All Living Children in Attendance—Six Daughters and One Son—A Feast and Many Presents.

A large and happy crowd gathered last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Milligan at Niantic in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. William Milligan and Jane Kizer were married in Christian county, near Mt. Auburn, February 10, 1843. Squire Goodrich officiating. They resided on a farm several years and then removed to Mt. Auburn. In 1853 they purchased T. A. Pritchett's residence in Niantic. They lost a son six years of age many years ago and a married son, five years ago.

Their seven remaining children, six daughters and a son, were present last evening and the comment was made that six handsome daughters and a handsome son seldom fall to the lot of any couple. Mr. and Mrs. Milligan themselves are a handsome couple. The daughters are Mrs. Phil and Mrs. Collins of Chillicothe, Ohio; Mrs. A. T. Riley and Mrs. William Whitesides of Decatur; Mrs. William Pritchett and Mrs. William Jones of Niantic. The son is Marion Milligan of Mason City, Iowa. There were also present nine grandchildren and two great grand children, eight grand children and four great grand children being absent. Regrets were received from Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Charles of New York city, Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Erdmann of Chillicothe, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Hargis of Birmingham, Kan., the ladies being grand daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Milligan.

Mrs. S. E. Kyer, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hendricks and Miss Goldie Porter were present from Decatur, Mr. Wood Hill from Chillicothe, Ohio, Mrs. Rhoda Sergeant and son from Macon, Mrs. Sergeant is Mrs. Milligan's sister. Fifty guests were present from Niantic.

A number of appropriate and elegant presents, nearly all in gold, were received and Elder Kneller in a neat speech presented to the worthy couple \$27 dollars from their children, nearly all being in gold.

The dining room decorations were all in gold, the table being beautifully ornamented with yellow ribbons and Marchal Neil roses. The banquet was an elegant one, served under the direction of the daughters. The guests returned home at a late hour feeling that the evening had been profitably spent and wishing Mr. and Mrs. Milligan many returns of their wedding anniversary.

THE NEW SOUTH.

Capt. Ed Anderson Says Alabama is All Right.

Capt. Ed Anderson, formerly in business at Memphis and at Atwood, is in the city visiting Dr. D. O. Abram. Captain Anderson's home is at Ft. Payne, DeKalb county, Alabama, to which point he removed nine years ago. He now represents the Anderson Emigrant and Farm Agency, and is here to interest Decatur people in Alabama farming lands, which can be had at \$2 to \$25 per acre. There are 1000 negroes in DeKalb county and 39,000 white people, and the county is 400 Republican. It was 500 Democratic nine years ago, but the Republicans made steady gains. Captain Anderson is a veteran of the 22d Wisconsin regiment and has been chairman of the DeKalb county Republican central committee. He and his assistants wiped out the Democratic office-holders, and now everything is all right. The people never have a crop failure, average temperature 64, never higher than 95, rains frequent, population increasing rapidly, and the country always attractive. Captain Anderson will be in the city until Monday or Tuesday. He has with him samples of Alabama products.

DEATH OF MRS. MORTON.

The Oldest Sister of Mrs. E. C. Roach, of This City.

Mrs. L. A. Morton died on Thursday afternoon at her home in Russellville, Ky., aged 94 years. Mrs. Morton was the oldest sister of Mrs. Ellen C. Roach of 844 West North street. The funeral services were held this afternoon from her late residence at Russellville, Ky.

Missionary Meeting and Tea.

The meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the First M. E. church at the home of Mrs. W. F. Calhoun yesterday afternoon was one of the most successful meetings ever held by the society. The entire membership was present and there were several visitors. The subject for the meeting was "Africa" and three very interesting papers were

given on the missions of Africa and the new field for the missionary work, by Mrs. Ralston, Miss Schuler and Miss Emma Williams. Mrs. R. C. Hamsher led the meeting. Three new members were received. The society is prospering and last year one of the most successful in its history. During the year 1892 were raised for missionary work. The society assists in the support of two famine orphans in India and a woman in the Bible school in India. At 8 o'clock tea was served to the 125 people who were present by Mrs. R. C. Hamsher, Miss Hamsher, Miss Schuler, Miss Bixby and Mrs. W. F. Calhoun, assisted by two African girls. The offering left amounted to over \$10.

PAY THE MAYOR INTEREST

On the Loan of \$5000 Which He Made to the City Several Days Ago.

In yesterday's paper it was stated that Mayor Taylor had loaned the city \$5000, when it was found that funds were shy and that there was not enough money to meet bills which were due. A member of the finance committee in speaking of the matter said that it had been stated that the mayor loaned the city without interest and that in justice to the committee the public should understand that the mayor would be paid interest on the money he loaned. Mr. Taylor offered the money without interest and did not want any, but the committee would not consent to receiving the loan without interest and the mayor was given a warrant for the amount drawing six per cent interest.

MUSICAL CULTURE CLUB.

Interesting Meeting Held—Subject, "Waltz and Mazurka."

The Musical Culture club held a meeting at the Woman's clubrooms this morning. The subject was "Waltz and Mazurka." The following program was given:

1. Les Sylphes, Bachmann—Misses Young and Voorhes
2. Tell Her So, MacFarlane—Miss Dasey.
3. Mazurka, Arthur Foote—Miss Emily Hamsher
4. Paper—Mrs. Parke
5. Waltz, E. Major, Moszkowski—Mrs. Starr
6. Aufwiedersehen, Bailey—Mrs. Stoner and Miss Burrows
7. Valse Caprice, Chaminade—Miss Calkins

MEETING OF DORCAS SOCIETY

Arrangements for the Colonial School to be Given Feb. 22.

The Dorcas society met with Mrs. K. Harwood yesterday afternoon. About 80 members were present. The principal business before the society was the completion of the arrangements for the giving of the colonial school to be given in connection with the members of the Home Forum Lodge, No. 70, at the Corner of Leon Lodge hall on February 22. The entertainment promises to be a success in every way. The society will meet at the Anna H. Millikin home on next Friday and spend the day sewing for the inmates of the home.

Business Room Decorated.

The interior of the business room occupied by Walter Hutchin at 139 North Water street is being improved by the addition of handsomely painted panels in shades of terra cotta in the space between the shelving and windows at the front of the store. There will also be smaller panels done in water colors in the windows and the whole surmounted by a border 18 inches deep.

Entertained by Miss Hubbard.

Miss Grace Hubbard entertained a party of young women at a 6 o'clock dinner at her home at 338 North Church street last evening. Invitations were issued to the young men for the evening and a most enjoyable evening was spent by the guests, who were Misses Lillian King, Lila and Florence Stevenson, Josephine Wagner, Messrs. Fred Clark, Ralph Taggart, George Allen and Ralph Conklin.

Valentine and Orange Social.

The women of the St. John's Guild gave an orange and valentine social at the home of Mrs. E. P. Bishop of 707 West William street last evening for the benefit of the Guild. A huge basket of oranges were sold at 15 cents each, which was the price of admission and included refreshments. The decorations were in orange and orange ice was served. About \$15 was cleared.

You Can Have What You Want.

Fresh mushrooms, oyster plant, Asparagus, Rhubarb, New Beets, Home Grown Celery, Round Radishes, Cauliflower, Spring Onions, Tomatoes, Oranges, California Bellflowers, Lettuce, Water Cress, Parsley, Soup Bunches, Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Telephone 344, old and new.

Polypus Removed.

Dr. W. W. Sanders yesterday removed a large polypus from the ear of Mrs. Timothy Smith of East Decatur. The growth was much larger than the ordinary but the operation was entirely successful.

Will Close To-morrow. The public library will be closed tomorrow on account of Lincoln's birthday. It will be closed all day.

WOMAN FORGER

Colored Girl Arrested and Put in Jail Today.

SHE PASSED FORGED CHECKS

At the Woman's Exchange—Officers Have Been Looking for Her for Over a Month.

This afternoon Deputy Sheriff Cole Nicholson arrested Florence Brown, a young colored woman, who is charged with forgery and uttering forged papers. The girl is not more than 18 years old. She forged the name of a well known lady on orders and secured goods from the woman's exchange. It was discovered some time ago that the orders were forgeries and the officers have been looking for the woman for the past month or more but were never able to locate her. Today Deputy Nicholson learned where the woman was and arrested her. She was put in the county jail to await trial. Sheriff Nicholson will probably have a home tonight from Minneapolis, where he went to get Warburton the young man who stole \$1000 from his mother. The sheriff was expected with him today, but he will more likely be home some time this evening. Warburton will probably suffer severely for his crime.

BIG DAMAGE CASE.

Mrs. Cole Wants \$15,000 for Apparent Loss of One Eye.

Dr. S. J. Hamstead was called to Monticello yesterday as a witness for the defense in the case of Cole vs. Brown. The case is a peculiar one, there being but one other suit of this nature ever brought in the courts of Platt county. Mrs. Cole, the wife of a young farmer living near Monticello, is suing a Mr. Brown for damages to the sum of \$15,000 for an injury to her eye which she received while driving along the road in company with her husband about two months ago. Mr. Brown had trimmed his hedge and allowed the trimmings to lie along the side of the road, which is not permitted by law. The front wheel of the buggy ran over a branch and the end flew back striking Mrs. Cole in the eye. She claims her injuries are permanent, that she will lose the use of the eye and will be incapacitated in the performance of her duties.

After an examination Dr. Hamstead testified that although the eye was badly injured he did not believe the sight entirely destroyed and that as the wound healed the entrance which was developed because of the injury would gradually be consumed by the secretions of the eye and the sight partially restored. When the doctor left to return home there were yet a number of witnesses to be examined and the case will not go to the jury until this afternoon. Attorney I. R. Mills is representing the plaintiff.

SHOW AT THE GRAND.

Traveling Men's Minstrels To-night—Don't Miss It.

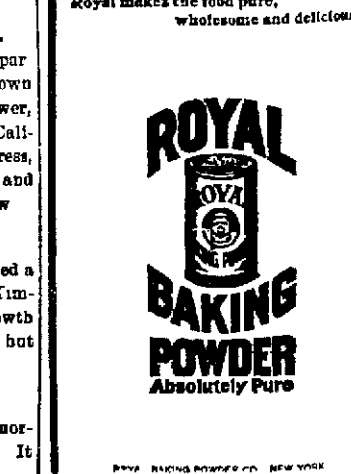
One of the most pleasing entertainments of the season will be the one to be given by the traveling men at the Grand. They had their last rehearsal this afternoon, and everything went off in a way that assures the best show of the kind ever given in Decatur.

The sale of seats has been very large but there are a few choice seats left in the dress circle and balcony. Those having tickets will do well to get them reserved before the doors open, as there will be a rush for the seats that are not reserved.

Special features of this entertainment are Mr. Samuel Siegel, mandolin virtuoso, Messrs. Gillespie and Moore of minstrel fame, Mr. Charles Faunce, Irish character comedian, Walter Wilson of Beach and Bowers. New songs, dances, jokes and gags will make the first part very interesting. General admission 50 cents. Reserved seats 75 cents. Gallery 25 cents.

Gillespie and Allerton, Moore, Adams and Faunce at the Grand tonight in the minstrel show. Get your seats.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



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WILL WAIT AWHILE

Pres. McKinley Expects to Hear from Spain.

POLICY OF ADMINISTRATION

Minister Woodford's Full Report Will Serve to Shape Affairs at Washington—De Lome will Go Back Home.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The policy of the administration concerning the De Lome incident can be stated briefly and definitely as follows: The president is awaiting the full report of United States Minister Woodford, who, in his brief report already made, stated that fuller details would be forwarded. As far as the personal allusions by the late minister to the president is concerned the incident is closed. No demand has been, or will be, made, according to present indications, for a disavowal of them though should it be made it would be regarded as a grace. But the inferences in the letter which brings in question Spain's good faith on questions of reciprocity and in herent autonomy for Cuba, if not it is avowed voluntarily, may become a subject of further diplomatic correspondence.

DIPLOMATS CONDEMN HIM.

De Lome's Slur at the President an Unpardonable Offense.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Dupuy de Lome was a favorite with the diplomatic corps, but his letter is not defended. It is the opinion of many members of the corps that the offense was sufficient to have destroyed the usefulness of any diplomat. One of them put it in this way: "To criticize or condemn the political and personal motives or assail the personal character of the head of a friendly nation to which he is accredited as an envoy is one of the most unpardonable sins a diplomat can commit. But to hold the chief magistrate of a great country up to contempt, even in a private correspondence, is to invite, on discovery, the swift and the severest public retribution. Nothing could be more injurious and unpardonable than the sentence in which President McKinley's official and personal dignity was assailed in the Canalejas letter. Senor de Lome thought, doubtless, that only the distant future would reveal his personal opinions when he wrote of an American president."

"Besides the natural and inevitable consciousness with which he repeats all that the press and public opinion of Spain have said of Weyler, it shows once more what McKinley is—weak and catering to the rabble, and, besides, a low politician, who dares to leave a door open to me, and to stand well with the jingoes of his party."

"From a diplomatic point of view no more egregious professional blunder than the Spanish minister's comment on the message of December has been committed at this capital for generations. Beside it the offenses of ministers like Sackville-West shrink to the dimensions of personal peccadilloes of the most harmless sort."

COL. F. W. HATCH.

An Assumption Citizen Returns from a Trip to Cuba.

Assumption, Ill., Feb. 12.—Colonel F. W. Hatch of this place has just returned from a trip through Cuba, to satisfy himself of the condition of affairs on the island. His trip led him through all the provinces, his only companion being a colored guide.

While in the east he met General Calixto to Garcia and had an interview with him. He also met several other prominent Cuban leaders. His most dangerous undertaking was the crossing of the trocha established by General Weyler. He brought home a small piece of broken tile, which he picked up on the western trocha as a relic. He saw several settlements of Cubans herded together by Spanish soldiers, the poor wretches dying by the score of starvation.

Colonel Hatch says he saw goods that had been contributed by the people of this country for the relief of the starving Cubans appropriated to the use of the Spanish army. Many were the sorrowful stories of blighted homes that came to his notice and crimes too horrible to mention. He and his companion felt under suspicion twice and escaped only by defending themselves with their rifles. They were pursued for two days and nights by Span-